

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-116-83

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME FRAME

During the final stages in the processing of the regulatory package to implement second year provisions of SB 14 a major problem was identified. The regulation provision of concern is MPP Section 30-132 which specifies the response time requirements for requests and referrals of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The Department reviewed new information identifying implementation difficulties posed by this section and determined that changes in the regulation provision as it was filed to become effective October 1, 1983 are necessary.

However, it was not possible to rescind the portion of the regulations package governing emergency response time frame requirements prior to the regulations becoming effective on October 1, 1983. To correct the problem, the Department is processing emergency regulations to amend MPP Section 30-132. The procedure to complete the filing of emergency regulations will require thirty to sixty days.

Attached is a copy of the proposed regulation revisions to be filed on an emergency basis. Counties will be notified when filing has been completed and the new emergency response time frame provisions go into effect.

If you have questions, please contact your Family and Children's Program Consultant at (916) 445-7653.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Loren D. Suter", is positioned above the typed name.

LOREN D. SUTER  
Deputy Director  
Adult and Family Services Division

Attachment

cc: CWDA

AMEND SECTIONS 30-132.2 THROUGH .221(a) AND ADD NEW SECTIONS .23 THROUGH .231(a) TO READ:

30-132. Response to Requests and Referrals. (Continued)

- .2 Emergency response staff shall immediately review all requests or referrals to determine the time frame within which initial response is required, as specified in .21 through .23 below.
- .21 In-person response shall be made immediately under either of the following circumstances:
  - .211 A law enforcement agency requests emergency response, unless the situation described falls under the definition of general neglect as defined by Penal Code Section 11165(c)(2).
  - .212 The report or referral indicates a situation which is likely to cause imminent physical pain, injury, disability, severe emotional harm or death to a child.
- .22 Response shall be made within three calendar days under either of the following circumstances:
  - .221 A law enforcement agency requests response on a nonemergency basis, unless the situation falls within the definition of general neglect as defined by Penal Code Section 11165(c)(2).
  - .222 Any other allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation except as specified in .21 and .23.
- .23 Response shall be made within ten calendar days to reports or referrals involving an allegation of general neglect only, as defined by Penal Code Section 11165(c)(2).

HANDBOOK

.231 This statute defines "general neglect" as follows:

- (a) The negligent failure of a person having the care or custody of a child to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or supervision where no physical injury to the child has occurred.